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Applicant:	Takao Yamaguchi, et al.
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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A DATA SERIES INCLUDING PROCESSING PRIORITY DATA (AS AMENDED)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **October 27, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.

☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).

☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page of this paper.

☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **9** of this paper.